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A Thank You Letter to My Family

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I want to take this time to thank you for everything you do. You have been there for me no matter what. Through all the holidays when I was deployed, you have always been there.

For the last 17 years, you have supported me through numerous deployments. Each time I get underway, I do so knowing you are there, safely at home. I joined the Navy to better myself knowing I could make a difference, but I have stayed for you.

To my mom, I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done. Growing up, I know I was a handful. I was not the "model" son, but you stood strong, molding me into the man I am today. You have been my pillar of strength, holding me up when I needed it most. You are always there for me, and you have been for as long as I can remember. You supported me when I thought about joining the Navy. I will always remember being 17, and calling you from the recruiting office so you could come and sign the papers allowing me to enlist. You were there at my boot camp graduation, and you were there on the pier when I came back from my first deployment. You have cared for my daughter while I was deployed and continue to care for her every day as I go to work. You have supported me though everything I have been for. You the one constant I have.

To my daughter, you give me joy and happiness that I had not known until the first time I was able to hold you in my arms. Throughout the years, you have enriched my life, even if by visiting me at work. I will never forget the time you had a chance to sleep aboard Daddy's ship. Every time I return from an underway or a temporary trip, seeing your face again pulls at my heart and makes me proud. Seeing you grow into such a wonderful young woman is the thing in my life I am most proud of. You have given me the most memorable memories.

I will always admit that you have the hardest job. I am often gone, but when I return home we pick up where we left off, as though I never left at all. Your support is a true blessing. You are the world to me. You are the one who keeps me going. Thank you.

With all my love,

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